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SUBJ: ALLEGED CIA INVOLVEMENT IN DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN
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1. IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW TAPED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER THE CHARGE RELAYED THE CONTENTS OF REFTEL B TO DFA7S DEPUTY SECRETARY ROWLAND PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM CLAIMED THAT HE KNEW OF TWO INSTANCES IN WHICH CIA MONEY HAD BEEN USED TO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN POLITICS. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO SECURE A TAPE OF THE INTERVIEW AND WILL FORWARD THE EXACT LANGUAGE THE PRIME MINISTER USED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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2. COMMENT: EITHER THE PRIME MINISTER WAS UNAWARE OF

THE FLAT DENIAL OF CIA FUNDING OF AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL
PARTIES OR CANDIDATES WHICH THE CHARGE MADE TO ROWLAND
ON NOVEMBER 5, OR HE CHOSE TO IGNORE IT. END COMMENT.
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